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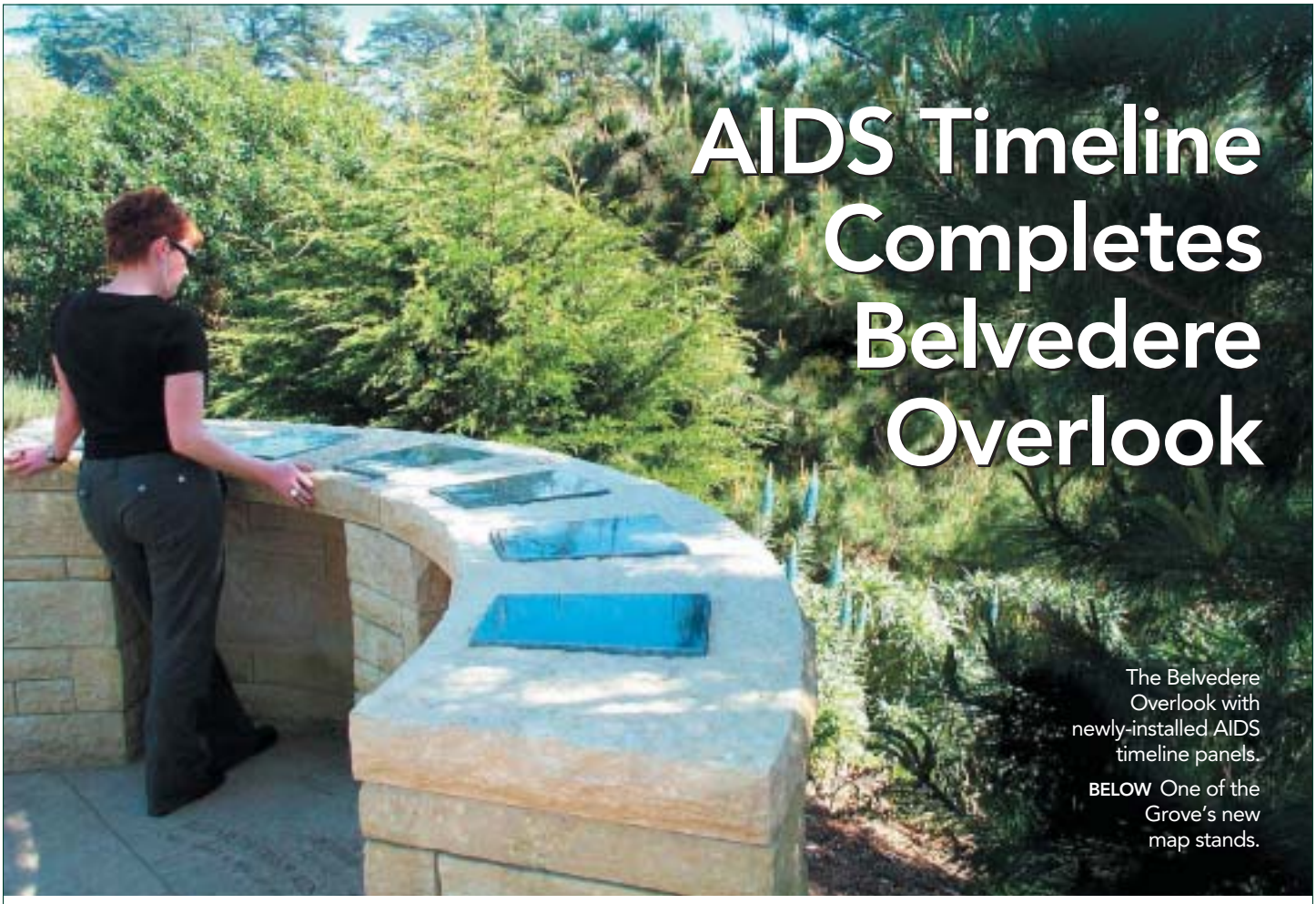

AIDS Timeline Completes Belvedere Overlook

The Belvedere Overlook with newly-installed AIDS timeline panels.

BELOW One of the Grove's new map stands.

Map Stands Provide Background

IN JANUARY, six granite panels were set into the stone surface of the Belvedere Overlook. Etched into the dark green granite are words and images that recount some of the key events that have helped shape current views about AIDS.

The first panel gives a sense of the social and political climate surrounding AIDS in the United States during the late eighties when the idea for the Grove began as a positive way to express grief. During that time, when the collective emotions of anger and sadness in communities around the country had become almost tangible, the vision of what is now the National AIDS Memorial Grove was inspired by the need to respond to enormous loss.

The following panels carry a timeline that tracks the history of the AIDS epidemic in the United States from 1980 through 2002. Recorded for each year are of some of the most important or memorable actions, discoveries, and losses that occurred. The finite space necessitated difficult decisions. Through a review process that included more than a dozen people,

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"NIGHT & DAY" HONORS TWO PIONEERS

With spectacular views of the Northern California coast line, the November fundraising event recognized two leaders in the fight against AIDS. **PAGE 7**

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A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

It is so amazing to walk through the Grove at this time of year. You can almost watch spring arrive. Every day there are new blossoms and fewer bare tree branches to be found. The Grove changes all the time, but the dramatic transformation that happens during springtime illustrates perfectly the concept of renewal and hope that is so important to this place that remembers and honors those lost to AIDS.

If spring is here, volunteer Workdays are never far behind. At this year's first Workday on March 20 we had over 150 people laboring in the Grove. It's great to see so many new faces in the crowd, but what makes the season's first Workday so rewarding is seeing those familiar faces again.

"IF SPRING IS HERE, **VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS** ARE NEVER FAR BEHIND."

Spring also signals the return of the Grove's annual gala. Keep and eye on your mailbox and the Grove's website for more information. This year, we follow Friday evening's fundraising event with an AIDS awareness concert on Saturday that will be free to all. AIDS service organizations will be on-hand with information about their programs and volunteer opportunities. If successful, the concert may become an annual activity to compliment the Grove's annual World AIDS Day observance in December.

Thanks to everyone who made 2003 such a productive year. There are a lot of exciting things planned for 2004 as we continue efforts to increase awareness about the Grove, planting seeds of hope as we go.

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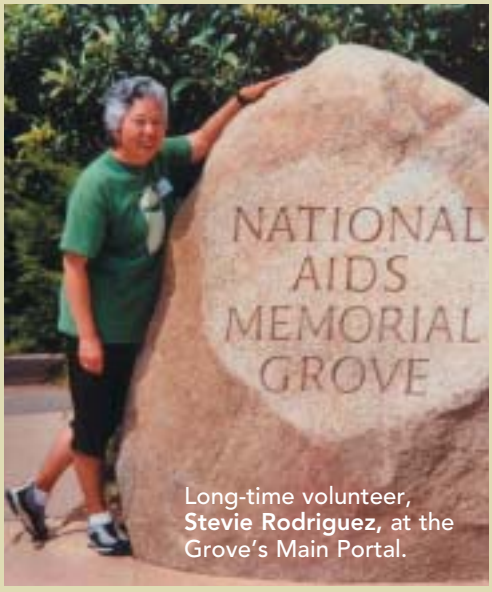

Long-time volunteer, **Stevie Rodriguez,** at the Grove's Main Portal.

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Donate online at **www.aidsmemorial.org,** by following the **"Donate Online"** link. Make a one-time gift or use the new **automatic monthly giving option.**

Designate your **United Way** gift to the Grove.

If your company has a **matching gift program,** use it to increase your gift amount.

Shop at **Under One Roof,** at 549 Castro (between 18th and 19th), and look for Grove I.D. tags (MEM GRV) on merchandise, or shop online at **www.underoneroof.org.**

Donate unwanted household items, furniture, and clothing to **Community Thrift Store,** located at 623-625 Valencia Street (near 17th) and designate the Grove as beneficiary.

Shop at **Cole Street Hardware** and tell them you want your purchase to support the Grove.

Tenth World AIDS Day Observance

WITH RAIN FALLING intermittently, more than two hundred people gathered under a tent erected in The Meadow of the National AIDS Memorial Grove on December 1, 2003, to observe World AIDS Day. This was the tenth year the Grove has held this public ceremony marking the one day of the year when the entire world focuses on AIDS remembering those lost and renewing our will to continue the fight against this scourge.

The Grove's sixth HIV/AIDS Community Service Award, presented each year to an individual in recognition of extraordinary commitment and tireless work to fight AIDS and its impact, was given to Paul Miller, Workshops and Forums Development Coordinator at the Stop AIDS Project. Paul was nominated for his work providing education about HIV prevention for those at risk of contracting and transmitting HIV to others, and his innovative approach to preventing HIV infection by utilizing grassroots organizing.

The Grove's sixth HIV/AIDS Community Service Award was given to Paul Miller of the Stop AIDS Project.

This year, the National AIDS Memorial Grove also presented a special Award of Hope to Thomas J. Coates, Ph.D., former director of the AIDS Research Institute at UCSF, in recognition of the groundbreaking and influential work conducted by ARI during his tenure. The AIDS Research Institute at UCSF is made up of some fifty research labs and programs and hundreds of scientists devoted to stopping AIDS. The largest AIDS research effort in the world outside of the National Institutes of Health, ARI's respected scientists are responsible for many of the breakthroughs now applied to detect and treat HIV and prevent its spread.

All those who attended received something special as well in the form of moving and inspirational words from William D. Glenn, director of development at the San Francisco Foundation and a longtime supporter the Grove, as well as the heartwarming music of jazz vocalist Jacqui Naylor.

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Board members Marsha Raulston and Michael Weiss add Leaves of Remembrance.

Many attendees took the opportunity to write a message on a Leaf of Remembrance. These metal leaves were crafted by children at the nearby Rooftop School. Bearing personal messages, the leaves were attached to vines suspended from trees near the Grove's Circle of Friends, where they remained for the month of December.

Special thanks to Wells Fargo, this year's presenting sponsor, for underwriting the cost of 2003's World AIDS Day observance at the Grove, our nation's memorial honoring all lives touched by AIDS. ■

FALLEN TREE UPDATE

The Monterey pine that unexpectedly fell in the Grove last May has at last been removed. The tree, well over one hundred feet tall, was lifted out of the Grove in several sections in January. Due to the steep slope, heavily planted surroundings, and the tree's colossal weight, a special crane was required for removal. The root-ball alone weighed over nine tons.

In the photo at left, a section of the tree is being lowered onto Middle Drive where it was cut into smaller pieces, loaded onto trucks, and removed to be recycled back into the Park.

Work has been scheduled to repair the section of wheelchair access ramp railing that was smashed by the falling tree. ■

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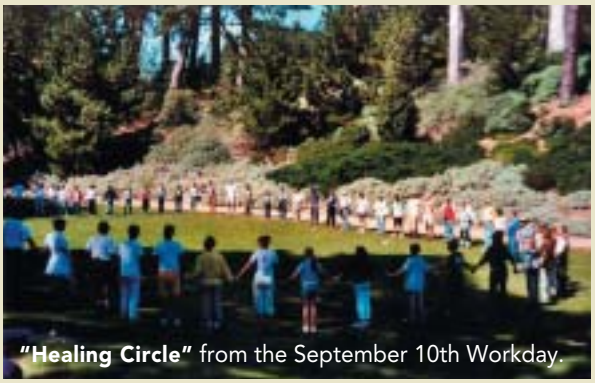

"Healing Circle" from the September 10th Workday.

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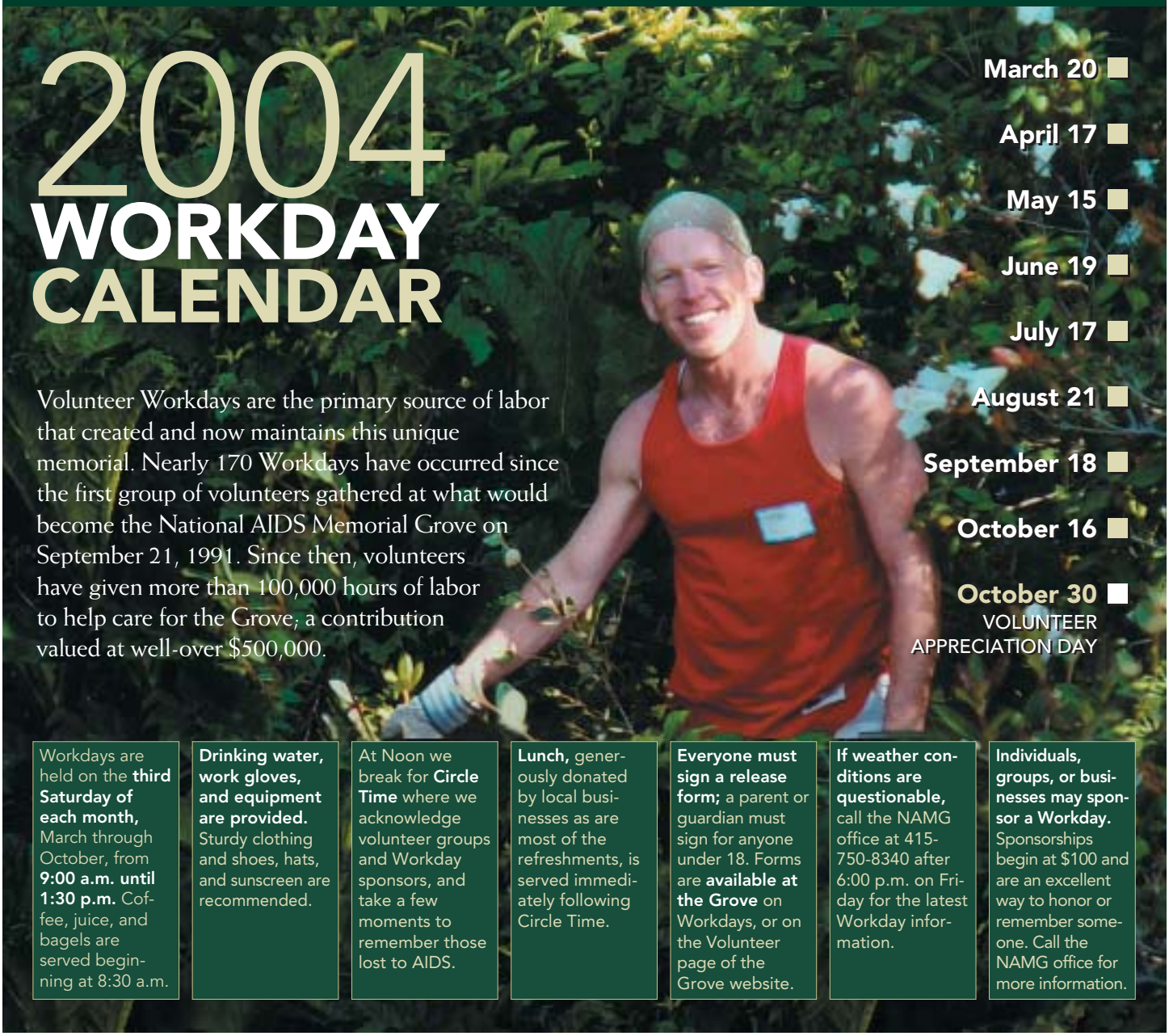

Volunteer Workdays are the primary source of labor that created and now maintains this unique memorial. Nearly 170 Workdays have occurred since the first group of volunteers gathered at what would become the National AIDS Memorial Grove on September 21, 1991. Since then, volunteers have given more than 100,000 hours of labor to help care for the Grove; a contribution valued at well-over $500,000.

- **March 20**
- **April 17**
- **May 15**
- **June 19**
- **July 17**
- **August 21**
- **September 18**
- **October 16**
- **October 30** VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Workdays are held on the **third Saturday of each month,** March through October, from **9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** Coffee, juice, and bagels are served beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Drinking water, work gloves, and equipment are provided. Sturdy clothing and shoes, hats, and sunscreen are recommended.

At Noon we break for **Circle Time** where we acknowledge volunteer groups and Workday sponsors, and take a few moments to remember those lost to AIDS.

Lunch, generously donated by local businesses as are most of the refreshments, is served immediately following Circle Time.

Everyone must sign a release form; a parent or guardian must sign for anyone under 18. Forms are **available at the Grove** on Workdays, or on the Volunteer page of the Grove website.

If weather conditions are questionable, call the NAMG office at 415-750-8340 after 6:00 p.m. on Friday for the latest Workday information.

Individuals, groups, or businesses may sponsor a Workday. Sponsorships begin at $100 and are an excellent way to honor or remember someone. Call the NAMG office for more information.

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the long list of items was winnowed into what it is hoped represents the pivotal events in the course of the epidemic so far, including for each year those that had the most far-reaching impact on society as a whole.

At the same time the Belvedere panels were installed, work was completed on two new map stands. Using the same medium of granite set into a stone surface, a large map of the Grove highlights its trails and features, while below that a map of Golden Gate Park in its entirety helps viewers orient themselves. Along with the maps, there is a brief explanation of the Grove's purpose and how it came to be.

The complete text of the AIDS timeline panels, including the list of sources used, can been found on the Grove's website at **www.aidsmemorial.org**

The map stand at the east end of the Grove on Bowling Green Drive was a gift from the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund. The second, located on Middle Drive near the Goldman Overlook, was a gift from The Charles Schwab Corporation Foundation.

The maps and AIDS timeline are the first permanent installation of interpretive and educational features at the Grove, and are an important step forward in the Grove's efforts to promote learning about the AIDS epidemic and provide a better understanding of its impact.

Paul Hufstedler compiled the AIDS timeline, and Thom Weyand, former executive director, developed the introduction text. Art director Sam Reep designed both the overlook and map stand panels. ■

Night and Day at the Ritz-Carlton

THE GROVE PARTNERED with the Ritz-Carlton hotel at Half Moon Bay to create a weekend getaway November 1 and 2, 2003, to support the Grove and to honor two long-time friends and leaders, **Ayse Manyas Kenmore** and **Alvin H. Baum, Jr.**

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FROM LEFT Margarita Gandîa, Alvin H. Baum, Jr., Ken Ruebush, and Ayse Manyas Kenmore with citations.

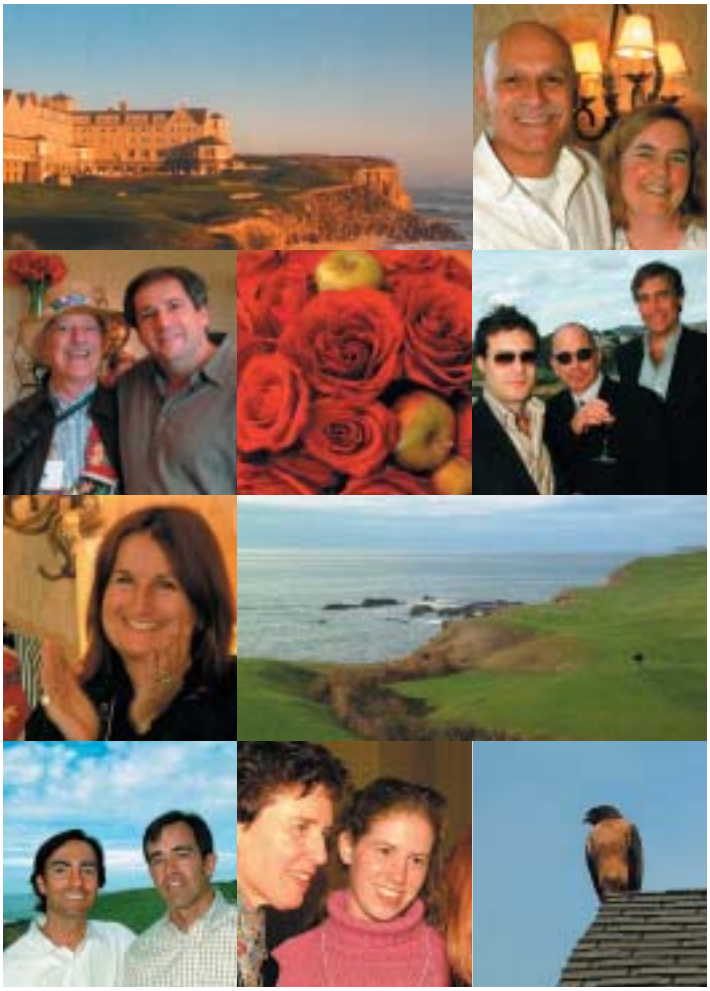
On Saturday evening, forty friends of the Grove enjoyed an intimate dinner and overnight stay at this stunning resort, overlooking fifty miles of the northern California coastline. On Sunday, they were joined by another hundred or more friends of the Grove for a wine-tasting and silent auction. The main reason given by many for attending, however, was to pay tribute to two individuals who have been at the forefront in the fight against AIDS from the very beginning of the epidemic.

Ayse Kenmore has been dedicated to the fight against HIV/AIDS for more than two decades. In the mid 1980's she was a pioneer board member of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Since then she has served on the boards of the National AIDS Memorial Grove, Continuum, DIFFA, and HRC, among others.

She has hosted countless fundraisers for virtually every type of HIV/AIDS organization and has been one of the most generous and consistent philanthropists in San Francisco and nationally.

Al Baum embodies the true spirit of philanthropy like few others. He tirelessly pursues an active civic life, with particular emphasis on civil liberties, local politics, gay and lesbian causes, and Jewish affairs. He has been a leader in the fight against AIDS/HIV, and has enriched and eased the lives of persons living with the disease through his volunteerism and philanthropy.

Al and Ayse were each presented with two citations of merit from the California State Legislature, one from the Assembly, sponsored by Assemblyman Mark Leno, and one from the Senate, sponsored by Senator Jackie Speier. ■



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FROM TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT View of the hotel; Howard Dippold and Lynn Kormondy; Al Baum and Jeff Zimman; arrangement by Podesta-Baldochi; Carlos Perez, Peter Block, and Brad Heinz; Ayse Kenmore; view from the event; Paul Loeffler and Mike Sullivan; Alice Russell-Shapiro and daughter, Maddy; suprise guest: a falcon observes from atop the hotel.

NAMG Board Enhanced by New Members

THE GROVE GLADLY WELCOMES three new members to the board, although each is already a familiar face.

Jack Porter rejoined the board in December 2003 after a one-year hiatus. Anyone who has been to a Workday, or attended almost any Grove-related event in last twelve years, has undoubtedly met Jack, who first joined the board in 1990. Since then, he continues to be one of the Grove's most dedicated and creative volunteers.

In January, **Thom Weyand** attended his first board meeting as a voting member. He participated in his share meetings while serving as the Grove's executive director from December 1997 to February 2001, when illness forced him to retire. Volunteering as he was able, Thom's health has improved so much, thankfully, that he is now ready to take on the demanding role of an NAMG board member.

Mario Diaz joined the board in February. Unlike the other two new members, Mario hasn't worked for the Grove in an official capacity until now. He is, however, no stranger to the Grove, and has worked very hard over the last several years as an advocate for the Grove and many other AIDS-related organizations in Northern California, in his role at the Wells Fargo Foundation.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2004

Margarita Gandía, Co-chair; Ken Ruebush, Co-chair; Jeff Wiggins, Treasurer; Gina Gatta, Secretary. ■

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SAVE THE DATE

Groove in the Grove

The spring gala event is back at the National AIDS Memorial Grove.

■ **Friday, May 21, 2004, 7:00 - 11:00p.m.**
The Grove becomes a jet-set supper club in the sleek, post-modern sixties, complete with food, bar, and live music featuring Spencer Day. Emcee Roberta Gonzalez.
Tickets: $150.00 per person

■ **Saturday, May 22, 11:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
The Grove will host a free public concert of today's world, jazz, Latin, and R&B sounds from top Bay-area performers. Local AIDS service organizations will also be on hand with information about their programs and volunteer opportunities.
Free Admission

■ For more information about *Groove in the Grove*, or to purchase tickets for Friday evening, visit the Grove's website at **www.aidsmemorial.org,** or call 415-750-8340.

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Macs Needed

The Grove's two iMacs are having trouble keeping up these days. So, we are looking for two gently-used G4's to keep things running smoothly and retire our iMacs. If you're upgrading to the new G5 system and don't know what to do with your perfectly good G4, consider donating it to the Grove. Call the NAMG office at 415-750-8340 for more details.

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